

Mail Stop RCE

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<p style="text-align: center;"> REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <small>RECOMMENDED PRACTICE</small> </p> <p> MAR 29 2004 JC37 </p>		<p><i>Application Number</i></p> <p>09/043,406</p> <p><i>Filing Date</i></p> <p>March 18, 1998</p> <p><i>First Named Inventor</i></p> <p>O'BRIEN et al.</p> <p><i>Group Art Unit</i></p> <p>3623</p> <p><i>Examiner Name</i></p> <p>Robinson, A.</p> <p><i>Attorney Docket Number</i></p> <p>36-1148</p>
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | 03/31/2004 RMBRAHT 00000141 0

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | 01 FC:1801

iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. Applicant claims "small entity" status.

b. Fees are attached as calculated below:

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	\$ 770.00
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is made to extend the due date 3 months (less	months previously paid) \$ 950.00
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____

c. Check in the amount of \$1720.00 enclosed

d. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

e. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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